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REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-14, and 16-29 are canceled. Claims 9, 15, and 30-32 are now currently pending. Claims 9, 15, 31 and 32 are amended. Claim 9 is amended to independent form by incorporating therein the limitations of Claim 1, from which it originally depended. Claims 15 and 32 are amended to correct claim dependency (from Claim 1 to Claim 9). Claim 31 is amended to delete the first formula. No new matter has been introduced.

New drawing sheets are submitted to meet the Examiner's objections to Fig. 2 and Figs. 7, 8 and 9. (Applicants note that while the Office Action did not address it directly, there is an informality in Fig. 7 similar to those identified for Claims 8 and 9). The replacement sheets are Sheets 2/4 and 4/4.

Applicants confirm that the new matter objected to by the Examiner in the Office Action is being deleted.

The Examiner previously allowed Claim 30 and indicated that claims 9, 15 and 32 would be allowable if either rewritten in independent form or written so as to incorporate the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing Claim 30 and for indicating the allowability of Claims 9, 15 and 32. Applicants respectfully submit that by rewriting Claim 9 in independent form by incorporating the limitations of Claim 1 therein, and by amending claims 15 and 32 to depend from Claim 9 – both originally depended directly from Claim 1 – that the conditions for allowability of these claims as specified by the Examiner have been met.

Finally, Claim 31 is amended to delete the first formula. Applicants respectfully submit that by this amendment, the rejection of this claim is rendered moot or otherwise overcome.

Applicants respectfully submit that all the outstanding objections and rejections have been rendered moot or otherwise have been overcome via the foregoing amendments and the submission of replacement drawing sheets.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the above referenced pending application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 9, 15, and 30-32 is therefore earnestly solicited.

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